Friday 6th October 2023

**Parent-Governor Vacancy**

*‘Governance is a strength of the school.’ – Ofsted, June 2022*

Dear parent / carer,

We still have a vacancy for a parent-governor position on our governing body. This is a really exciting opportunity for anyone who is interested in being involved in the running of our school and who is keen to make a positive contribution to school life.

No previous experience is necessary but in terms of commitment, it would require the following:

* Attendance at THREE main meetings each year (4:30pm-7:00pm, one Monday each term)
* Attendance at THREE committee meetings each year (4:00pm-5:30pm, one school night each term)
* Attendance at TWO development sessions (two Saturday mornings from 9:30am-12:30pm)
* Assuming an area of responsibility which would require a minimum of ONE school visit per year

We are looking for people who are passionate about supporting and improving our school, who would strive to represent the varied interests of our parents and carers and who would have the best outcomes for all of our children at the heart of their role as a Richardson Dees governor. A wide range of training and support is available for the role.

Hilary has been a parent-governor on our governing body for almost two years now and has shared her thoughts on the role:

*“I’ve been a Parent Governor for 2½ years. It has been a busy time for our school - finding our new “normal” after the covid pandemic, an Ofsted visit and welcoming new teachers for our children. Being a parent governor means supporting our school by contributing where input is needed and helping to shape the future of our children’s education and learning environments by participating in meetings, asking questions and always considering what is best for our school and children. There is a time commitment and it is really important to be able to fully participate but the support available is excellent and the Governing Body is very welcoming and supportive.”*

**If you are interested, please contact the office and let us know by Friday 20th October.** If we have more than one person interested in the position available, it would go to a ballot in which all of our parents and carers would get the opportunity to vote for their chosen candidate.

Kind regards,

Mr W Myers

Headteacher